



Mountain Biking and Off Road Trails in Warren County, New York



**Warren County Safe & Quality
Bicycling Organization**

96 Country Club Road, Queensbury, NY 12804

www.bikewarrenco.org



Warren County & Safe Quality Bicycling Organization

www.bikewarrenco.org

The mission of the Warren County Safe & Quality Bicycling Organization (WCSQBO) is to promote safe and quality bicycling in Warren County, New York. Bicycling-friendly communities offer excellent commuter options, reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality, expand economic development, reduce health-related costs, and enhance recreational opportunities; all of which give residents an improved quality of life and non-residents the incentive to visit.

Warren County Bicycling

This pamphlet is an overview of cycling opportunities within Warren County, and is composed from various sources. Cyclists are advised that this information should not replace trail or route maps, guidebooks or individual safe judgment.

Trail Classification

BEGINNER TRAILS: are generally dirt, unimproved or paved roads with relatively smooth riding surfaces and gentle terrain. Little or no riding experience is necessary.

INTERMEDIATE TRAILS: are generally single-track or jeep trails with variable riding surfaces and moderate hills. Some previous riding experience is recommended.

ADVANCED TRAILS: are generally challenging single-track trails with difficult terrain and steep hills. Technical trail riding ability and conditioning is recommended.

SINGLE TRACK TRAILS: generally include hiking/foot trails, most snowmobile, cross-country ski and horse trails.

Trail	Town	Trail Type
Warren County Bikeway	Glens Falls, Queensbury	Beginner
Feeder Canal Towpath	Glens Falls, Queensbury	Beginner
Gurney Lane Recreation Area	Queensbury	Beginner - Advanced
Hudson Pointe Nature Preserve	Queensbury	Beginner/Intermediate
Meadowbrook Preserve	Queensbury	Beginner
Pack Demonstration Forest	Warrensburg	Intermediate
Palmer Pond Road Trail	Chester	Beginner
West Stony Creek Road Baldwin Springs	Stony Creek	Beginner/Intermediate
Harrisburg Lake, Wilcox Lake & Willis Lake	Stony Creek	Beginner/Intermediate
Northwest Bay Trail	Bolton	Intermediate
Fifth Peak Trail via Brown Mountain	Bolton	Beginner/Intermediate
Jabe Pond	Hague	Intermediate
Wardsboro Road Trail	Hague	Beginner/Intermediate
Queensbury School Trails	Queensbury	Beginner
Gore Mountain	Johnsburg	Beginner/Intermediate
Coles Woods	Queensbury	Beginner
Dynamite Hill	Chester	Beginner/Intermediate
North Creek Ski Bowl	Johnsburg	Beginner/Intermediate
Rush Pond	Queensbury	Beginner

Bike Adirondacks

www.bikeadirondacks.org

Bicycling information for the Adirondack Park and Surrounding Area of Northern New York.

Bike the Byways

www.bikethebyways.org

The site features premiere road bicycling and preferred mountain biking rides found in communities along Scenic Byways in 15 counties. Latitude and longitude for trailheads and terminus are included, to make for easier find-ability and to appeal to the growing market of hand-held device enthusiasts.

North Warren Bicycling

Phone: 518-494-2722

www.northwarren.com/index/biking

North Warren is a great place to for road tours and mountain biking. Peaceful roads. Cool lakes.

Disclaimer: The Warren County Safe and Quality Bicycling Organization, Inc. (WCSQBO) has produced this booklet to provide mountain bike trail information for cyclist wishing to ride in our area. WCSQBO is not responsible for the safety of bicycle riders choosing to use these trails. Riders are to check the condition of trails before use. Trail conditions may change due to weather, use and natural causes. Select trails for riding based on the expertise of the rider. Users assume all risks, inherent and not inherent in the use of materials demonstrating potential routes by WCSQBO and all affiliated organizations, and individuals disclaim any and all liability on their part for damages or injuries to persons or property, should the occur.

Rules of the Road and Safety

Plan Ahead: Let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return. Know your equipment and ability, wear a helmet, bring nutrition and water, compass, maps, rain gear and repair equipment.

Ride in Control: Use caution on down hills, turns and when overtaking or approaching other riders.

Ride on Designated Trails: Abide by posted rules and guidelines. Mountain bikes are not allowed on State Wilderness or Canoe areas.

Avoid Muddy/Eroded areas during periods of wet weather.

Never spook Animals or other riders or pedestrians.

Lodging, Dining and Attractions

Your visit to Warren County not only leads you to the vast array of quality off road riding within Warren County . It is also very centrally located to have access to several other Washington County trails along the east shore of Lake George, connector trails to the north into Essex county and points south into Saratoga County.

For information on Lodging, Dining and attractions please contact:

Warren County Department of Tourism
1340 Route 9, Lake George, NY 12845
Phone: 1-800-365-1050

LAKE GEORGE AREA

IN NEW YORK'S ADIRONDACKS

Visit LakeGeorge.com

The Towns of Warren County Welcome You:
Bolton, Chester, Glens Falls, Haugue, Horicon, Johnsbury, Lake George,
Lake Luzern, Queensbury, Stony Creek, Thurman, Warrensburg



Explore the extensive XC ski trail network with novice to expert trails and scenic views of Thirteenth Lake & the Adirondack High Peaks!

Retail Shop & Mtn. Bike Rentals too!

MILD TO WILD ADVENTURE AT GARNET HILL LODGE
in North River, New York

518.251.2150 | www.garnet-hill.com | info@garnet-hill.com

Warren County Bikeway

Phone: 1-800-365-1050

www.visitlakegeorge.com

<http://warrencountyny.gov/transport/docs/gf-lg-trail.pdf>

Towns: Glens Falls, Queensbury, Lake George

Directions: Please Note, there are several access points along the trail. Refer to map for suggested parking areas. Regional Bicycling maps available from Warren County Tourism Department.

Distance: 9.4 miles, one-way

Paved multi-use trail with rolling hills. Connects with historic Feeder Canal Towpath Trail in Glens Falls. Riding north takes you to Battlefield Park, Lake George. Bicycling time 1-2 hrs one way. Also running, walking. See maps on Parks & Rec website. NO DOGS or MOTORIZED VEHICLES ALLOWED.

Caroline Fish Memorial Trail

Town of Chester Recreation Center

3 Dynamite Hill, Chestertown, NY 12817

Phone: 518-494-2722

www.northwarren.com/index/xcountry

Multi-use trail, variety of terrain for varying skill levels of mountain biking; biking. 11 km of novice-intermediate cross country trails; night skiing; snowshoeing. The Caroline Fish Memorial Trail is part of the town of Chester Recreation Area. Operated by the town, the facility has a rope tow, lighted ski hill, ice skating rink, warming lodge, lighted cross-country trails and a toboggan run for the non-skiers -- and is free and open to the public. The parking area for the cross-country trails is a short drive past the main entrance (located on Route 8) on Landon Hill Rd.

Daggett Lake Campsites and Cabins

660 Glen Athol Rd, Warrensburg, NY 12885

Phone: 518-623-2198

www.daggettlake.com

Wooded lakeside, on/off road touring, 2.5-miles single track trails for mountain biking, helmets required; hiking. USA water-ski affiliated drivers and instructors, private lake, Slalom course, barefoot, wakeboarding. Season: May-September

Garnet Hill Lodge & Resort

13th Lake Rd, North River, NY 12856

Phone 1-800-497-4207 or 518-251-2150

www.garnet-hill.com

Originally developed for cross-country skiing in the 1970's, the trail network has been expanded with single-track trails to suit mountain bikers of various riding abilities. Guided bike tours available with advance arrangements. Ask about our all-access Adventure Pass and for a truly unique experience. Mountain bike rentals available for the whole family, full or half-day. The Log House Restaurant is open daily (late June thru Columbus Day) and will satisfy your well-earned appetite. Preuninger's Pub offers a relaxing gathering place where you can re-hydrate and share experiences with friends! Bike rentals are free for lodging guests, so reservations are recommended. Please call or visit Garnet Hill's website for Adventure Center hours, trail maps and lodging packages.

Gore Mountain

793 Peaceful Valley Rd, North Creek, NY 12853

Phone: 518-251-2411

www.goremountain.com

Winter activities include downhill, cross-country skiing, snow-boarding, tubing, snowshoeing. Non-competitive family-oriented events, regional and Northeastern ski races. Lift/Lodging packages available. Scenic gondola rides, mountain biking, festivals, hiking. Open May - October for mountain biking activities. The challenging terrain, serviced by the Northwoods Gondola, descends 1700' vertical. Riders can enjoy single track and open ski trails. Helmets required and off season passes available for sale.

Jabe Pond Trail

Town: Hague Wild Forest: Lake George

Directions: Take Split Rock Rd west from Rt. 9N. Travel 1.5 miles to the trailhead, on south side of the road.

Distance: 1 mile, one-way

Reference Maps: Adk Trails of the Adirondacks Eastern/Lake George Region map; Silver Bay Quadrangle. <http://andyarthur.org/new-york-state/warren-county/lake-george/map-jabe-pond.html>

Additional Information: This is a short, one-way trail to a popular fishing pond. A 7 mile loop is possible by traveling Split Rock Rd., Battle Hill Rd. Dodd Hill Rd and Rt. 9N, using Jabe Pond as a side trip.

Wardsboro Road Trail

Town: Hague

Wild Forest: Lake George

Directions: Access is from both Wardsboro Road in the Town of Bolton and Battle Hill Rd. in Hague.

Distance: 4.5 miles, one-way

Reference Maps: Adk Trails of the Adirondacks Eastern/Lake George Region map; Silver Bay Quadrangle.

Additional Information: This is a jeep trail connecting Wardsboro and Battle Hill Roads. A loop is possible utilizing Split Rock, Doll Hill or Battle Hill Roads and Rt. 9N.

Feeder Canal Towpath Trail

Glens Falls, NY 12801

Phone: 518-792-5363

<http://feedercanal.com/FeederCanalAlliance3.htm>

Directions: I-87, Exit 18 (Glens Falls). East on Main Street, .06 mile to Richardson Street. Right onto Richardson, .05 mile to parking lot at Feeder Dam. Trail access across footbridge over canal.

Distance: 9-miles one-way

Trail follows original 1820's canal system, most of which is off road. Cross intersections with care. Easy ride on stone dust surface. Listed on New York State and National Register of Historic Places, National Recreation Trail system. Walk, bicycle, paddle; cross-country ski, snowshoe.

Gurney Lane Recreation Area

Queensbury Parks & Recreation

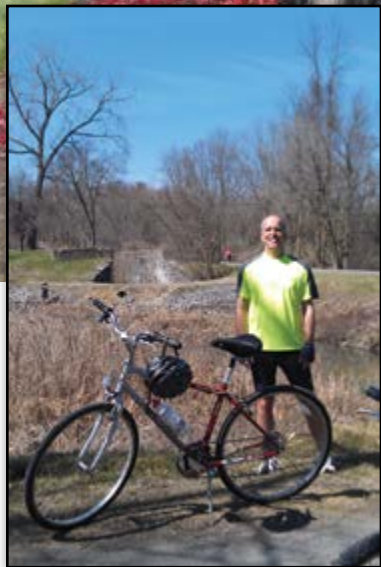
118 Gurney Lane, Queensbury, NY 12804

Phone: 518-761-8216

<http://recreation.queensbury.net>

New 8k of marked, single track trails has recently been built by Wilderness Property Management (Steve Ovitt). Trails accommodate beginner, intermediate and advanced riders. Maps available on-site – working toward additional trail development in hopes of creating destination trails. Also available, 4+ miles marked trails for hiking, mountain biking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing; pool, playground, picnic pavilion, fishing pond, sledding. Weather permitting.





Northwest Bay Trail

Town: Bolton

Directions: The trailhead is at Clay meadows on the east side of Rt. 9N, approximately 6 miles north of Bolton Landing.

Distance: 5 miles, one-way

Reference Maps: Adirondack Trails of the Adirondacks Eastern/Lake George Region maps; Shelving Rock USGS Quadrangle.

Additional Information: The trail runs east for a short while then turns south. The trail has rocks, exposed roots, and is narrow for the most part. The ride has ups and downs, some sections require getting off your mountain bike and walking.

Fifth Peak Trail via Brown Mountain

Town: Bolton Wild Forest: Lake George

Directions: Trailhead is 5 miles north of Clay Meadows on Rt. 9N, on the Right, Parking is across the road.

Distance: 5.8 miles, one-way

Reference Maps: Adk Trails of the Adirondacks Eastern/Lake George Region maps; Shelving Rock & Silver Bay Quadrangles

Additional Information: Approximately .1 mile there is a junction, turn Left. The Trail is uphill and rocky the first 1/2 mile, then climbing becomes less with fewer rocks. At .72 mile there is a junction with a trail heading to Dear Leap, Turn Right. The trail becomes narrow and more technical skill needed. Some walking will be necessary as the trail ascends. Brown mountain is reached at 1.7 miles. The trail then descends

the mountain, levels off then climbs again. At 2.55 miles is a Lean-to. Past the lean-to, the trail becomes single track with a rock surface. Up and downs continue to the top of Five Mile Mountain at 3.64 miles. The trail descends, very steeply at times, all the way to its junction with Clay Meadows trail. Going Right leads to Clay Meadows, Left to Five Mile Point. Going straight, the trail widens to about 4 feet wide, made of hard dirt and rock. At 5.47 miles there is a turn-off to another Lean-to. Continuing with bikes beyond this point is not advised.

Harrisburg Lake, Wilcox Lake & Willis Lake Snowmobile Trails

Town: Stony Creek/Wells

Wild Forest: Wilcox Lake

Directions: Follow Harrisburg Lake Rd (County Rt. 22) to where the lake and road meet. For Willis Lake to Wilcox Lake Access of Rt. 30 at Pumpkin Hollow Rd.

Distance: varies, Willis Lake to Wilcox Lake 5.75 miles, Wilcox to Harrisburg Lake 4.5 miles one-way, loop is 19.5 round trip.

Reference Maps: Adk Trails of the Adirondacks Southern Region map; Harrisburg, Griffin and Hope Falls USGS Quadrangles.

Additional Information: The rider can continue to State Rt. 30 by use of the Wilcox Lake trail, an advanced trail. The rider can continue to Hope Falls by the East Stony Creek Trail, an unrated trail. Connection to Harrisburg is possible by use of the Harrisburg-Wilcox Lake 4WD road. Connection to Hope Falls via Stony Creek Trail. A loop is possible by use of the Stony Creek Trail, East Stony Creek Road and State Rt. 30, or the Murphy Lake Trail.

Hudson Pointe Nature Preserve

Queensbury Parks & Recreation

Phone: 518-761-8216

<http://recreation.queensbury.net>

Hudson Pointe Blvd, Queensbury, NY 12804

83+ acre nature preserve along the Hudson River. 2+ miles marked trails for walking, mountain biking, hiking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. Also .75 mile nature trail. Fishing access.

Meadowbrook Preserve

Queensbury Parks & Recreation

Phone: 518-761-8216

<http://recreation.queensbury.net>

Meadowbrook Rd, Queensbury, NY 12804

44 acre multi use park; 1.5 miles marked trail for walking, hiking, mountain biking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

Pack Forest Demonstration Forest

Rt. 9 & 28

Warrensburg, NY 12885

Phone: 518-623-9679

Directions: I-87 Exit 23, Warrensburg. Turn left off exit, then turn right onto route 9 through Warrensburg. Proceed straight through the intersection of Rt. 9 and Rt. 28 approx. 1/4 mile, Sign on left. "SUNY ESF Charles Lathrop Pack Demonstration Forest". 2,500 acre environmental demonstration forest maintained by SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. The self-guided accessible 1-mi Grandmother's Tree Nature Trail is open to walkers only! However, there are many dirt roads throughout the property for Mountain biking, including a great trek up Benwood Mountain.

Palmer Pond Road Trail

Town: Chester **Wild Forest:** Lake George

Directions: This route begins on Palmer Pond Road, located on the south side of State Rt. 8, between Chestertown and Riparius

Distance: 4.5 miles one-way

Reference Maps: Adirondack Maps Inc., Lake George Region Map; North Creek and Chestertown USGS Quadrangles.

Additional Information: This unimproved road goes into and terminates at the southwestern corner of Palmer Pond.

West Stony Creek Road to Baldwin Springs

Town: Stony Creek/Thurman

Wild Forest: Wilcox Lake

Directions: Harrisburg Lake Rd (County Rt. 22) to Wolf Pond Road. At the end of Wolf Pond Road turn onto West Stony Creek Road.

Distance: 7 miles one-way

Reference Maps: Adk Trails of the Adirondack Southern Region maps; Harrisburg USGS Quadrangles.

Additional Information: This route is an unimproved gravel road to Baldwin Springs, a pleasant clearing. A short side trip on the Oregon Trail leads to a grove of large native pine trees.

Lake George Recreation Park

124 Transfer Rd., Lake George, NY 12845

Phone: 518-668-4380

Town: Lake George

Directions: I-87 to exit 21, then Rt. 9N South to Transfer Rd.

Tread Type: Single and double track

Distance: 4 + Miles of beginner, intermediate and advanced riding options.

Reference Map: <http://villageoflakegeorge.us/content/ParksView/4:field=documents;/content/Documents/File/308.pdf>

Rush Pond Way

Queensbury Parks & Recreation

Phone: 518-761-8216

<http://recreation.queensbury.net>

Town: Queensbury

Directions: Main parking area located at the north end of West Mountain Rd. (intersection of West Mountain Rd. and Gurney Lane). Trail heads south along West mtn. Rd.

Distance: 2.3 miles one-way

Trail Type: Beginner to intermediate, hardened trail, two-way traffic with three wooden bridge/pathways.

Additional Information: Beautiful views with elevation changes along the Rush Pond wetlands. South end wetland bridge provides wetland vistas.

Hackensack Mountain

<http://www.upyondafarm.com/hackensack.html>

Town: Warrensburg

Directions: Exit 23 - Interstate 87, Rt. 9 north to Hackensack Ave. to a roadside parking lot.

Distance: 3.5 miles of trails available to the 1350' summit of Hackensack Mountain - providing beautiful western views of Pine Mountain, Bald Mountain and Jimmy's Peak. Open dawn to dusk.

Reference Map: <http://www.upyondafarm.com/hackensack.html>





Coles Woods

www.cityofglensfalls.com/index.aspx?nid=25

Reference Map: http://cityofglensfalls.com/documents/13/Coles%20Woods%20Map%20Color%20NEW%20FINAL%202002.14_201402070829412936.pdf

Town: Glens Falls

Directions: Rt. 9, Glens Falls

Distance: Over 5 miles of trails available for year round use. Part of the first lighted ski trail system in North America.

Queensbury School Trail System

Town: Queensbury

Directions: Exit 19 off Interstate 87, west on Aviation Rd. to main entrance to Queensbury School. Parking area in the rear of Queensbury Elementary School.

Distance: 3.1 miles of interconnected trails. Trail head begins along the wood line as marked by entrance sign. Double track trails wind along northway and down to the Rush Pond Wetlands. Terrain is mostly flat with some steep inclines. Beginner ride. Open dawn to dusk.

Ski Bowl Loop

Town: Johnsbury

Directions: Ski Bowl Park – North Creek. Start at the parking lot off Main St. beside the Johnsbury Town Hall across from the Tannery Pond Community Center. Take the Carol Thomas trail under State Rt. 28.

Distance: 3 kilometers

Trail Type: Shared use trail, 2-3' wide with bench cuts and switchbacks, 50% hardened surface and 50% natural surface. Easy to more difficult trails developed specifically for mountain bikes.

Additional Information: Limited hazards, multiple scenic vistas – mtn. views, stream over looks.

Ski Bowl Park – Intermediate Loop

Town: Johnsbury

Directions: Ski Bowl Park – North Creek. Start at the parking lot off Main St. beside the Johnsbury Town Hall across from the Tannery Pond Community Center. Take the Carol Thomas trail under State Rt. 28. .7 k loop south of the Ski Bowl Loop

Distance: 0.7 kilometers

Trail Type: 2' wide, natural surface. Intermediate to more difficult trails developed specifically for mountain bikes.

Additional Information: natural surfaces with roots, rocks with fun easy gravity drops.

Ski Bowl Park – Expert Loop

Town: Johnsbury

Directions: Ski Bowl Park – North Creek. Start at the parking lot off Main St. beside the Johnsbury Town Hall across from the Tannery Pond Community Center. Take the Carol Thomas trail under State Rt. 28. 2k loop uphill (West) side of the Ski Bowl Loop.

Distance: 2 kilometers

Trail Type: Single track trail with natural surface. Very difficult trails developed specifically for mountain bikes. Sharp switchbacks and challenging climbs.

Additional Information: natural surfaces with roots, rocks with difficult technical challenges.

Ski Bowl Connector

Town: Johnsbury

Directions: Ski Bowl Park – North Creek. Start at the parking lot off Main St. beside the Johnsbury Town Hall across from the Tannery Pond Community Center. Take the Carol Thomas trail under State Rt. 28.

Distance: 2.3 kilometers

Trail Type: Old two track trail with intermediate to difficult uphill climb from ski bowl to a 4-way intersection.

Additional Information: Natural surface roots and rocks, waterfalls along stream, beaver pond.

THE AREA'S OLDEST BIKE SHOP
OFFERING
EXPERT SERVICE
ON ALL BRANDS
FRIENDLY & PROFESSIONAL
SALES STAFF

ROAD • MOUNTAIN • HYBRID • BMX

HARO MASI RALEIGH

COMPLETE SELECTION OF
CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

SUGOI GIRO

THE INSIDE EDGE
SKI • BOARD • BIKE

518.793.5676 • www.insideedge.biz • 643 Upper Glen Street • Queensbury NY

Raymond Brook Bottom Drops

Town: Johnsburg

Directions: Ski Bowl Park – North Creek. Start from the Ski Bowl connector trail and ride down blue marked trail to Rt. 28. Located between Ski Bowl Connector and the 4-way intersection and Rt. 28

Distance: 1 kilometer

Trail Type: Old two track trail with black diamond and very difficult downhill (400' drop in 1k).

Additional Information: Natural surfaces, rocks, roots, steep grade - downhill thrill with a flowing finish.



Warren County
Safe and Quality Bicycling Organization

96 Country Club Road, Queensbury, NY 12804
www.bikewarrenco.org